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Democratic in politics.

Don't get the wrong angle on this "Liberty Loan," friend. It doesn't mean that YOU must do the loaning. It means that your government proposes to loan you the opportunity of investing your spare means in a proposition as sound as the Rock of Ages. It means that the opportunity of your life is offered you to gather to yourself your portion of national honor and glory. It means that probably for the first time in your rather careless life you have the chance to become a really necessary cog in the great wheel of progress. It's the turning point in your life. Be sure you make the right turn.

A total eclipse of the sun which will occur June 8, 1918, will be the largest and most important of a life time in all the Southern states. This eclipse will be visible throughout the United States; the eclipse being total along a path about seventy miles wide extending from Portland, Oregon, through Denver, Colorado, Jackson, Mississippi, and Orlando, Florida. In all other parts of the United States it will be partial. On the central line of totality the duration of the total phase will vary from one minute and eleven seconds in Florida to two minutes and five seconds in Oregon. Figured from the Atlantic the phases of eclipse will occur in the ninth meridian time as follows:
Eclipse begins 4:35:53 p. m.
Middle of eclipse 5:35:50 p. m.
Eclipse ends 6:42 p. m.

Wild Rumors.

The circulating of extravagant rumors and wild tales of victory is as harmful to the interests of this country in the present struggle as the spreading of adverse reports. Recently the report was flashed from one end of the country to the other of a great allied victory on the western front. In many parts of the country people went fairly wild with joy, only to be cast into corresponding depths of dejection on learning that the report was unfounded.

Our people should give ear to no reports that do not come from a reliable source. Telegraphic news in the papers, from reputable news agencies, can be relied upon as being correct or approximately so. The metropolitan dailies as a rule have

reliable special correspondence on the front, and their reports also can be received as truth. But reports circulating from mouth to mouth frequently start from nothing but grow with the telling.

In justice to the news agencies and newspapers of the country it should be said that none of these fake reports have originated or been circulated by them. Such reports in most cases, if they could be traced to their original source, would be found to have a sinister origin—enemy propaganda, with a view to disturbing the peace of the country and creating excitement and unrest. We should keep cool and believe nothing that is not fully vouched for, trust in our government and our armies, and put our every energy into OUR part in the winning of the war.

Never send a dollar away from home when the article that the dollar will purchase can be obtained at home. Money is our financial blood. Its circulation keeps the business body alive. Bleed that body by sending money away and business will soon put on a look of lethargy. Always trade at home. Watch the bargains offered by enterprising advertisers in this paper and you learn the best place to spend those home dollars.

Report of Grand Jury.

We, the Grand Jury, beg to make the following report:

All bills brought before us have been passed upon.

We have visited, by committees, the following places—chain gangs, No. 1 and No. 2, Jail, County Home and Court House.

Chain gang No. 1 was found to be in first-class condition; the convicts, seven white and eleven colored, well fed and well clothed; ten head of stock, in good condition, and food supplies for three months.

Chain gang No. 2 was found in good condition, with the exception of one mule tent; one white and ten colored prisoners, well fed and well clothed, and eight head of stock all in first-class condition.

At the County Home everything was found to be in good shape, with fourteen white and six colored inmates, all well cared for; one horse, three head of cattle, two hogs all O. K., and food sufficient to last until the new crop comes in. We found a Mrs. Long, and child about four years old. To us it appears that, in this day of abundant working opportunities, Mrs. Long is fully able to support herself and child. We, therefore, recommend that the Superintendent of the County Home secure for her a job at some cotton mill or elsewhere.

The County Jail was found to be in good condition and neatly kept, inside and out. The boxing around the eaves needs painting and we recommend that it be painted and that the valleys be given a coat of good metal paint now and every three years hereafter.

The Court House was visited and found to be in as good condition as the present building will permit. (We are not going into the matter of a new Court House, as the Commissioners have already acted on that.) There are some leaks in the roof that should be fixed at once. There are also some leaks under the wind sills in the court room. These can be easily located from the Sheriff's room and should be fixed. The combination lock of the door to the vault in the Clerk's office is useless in its present condition and for fire protection should be fixed. There is a filing cabinet needed in the Clerk's office and we recommend its purchase by the Commissioners, under the direction of the Clerk. We found the Clerk and Register of Deeds installing modern indexes, and these will aid materially in finding papers of all sorts. We find that all magistrates have filed their reports according to law.

(Signed) H. C. PETTY,
Foreman.

Thrill will mean triumph.

Economy makes happy homes and sound nations.—G. Washington.

If Democracy dies, who lives?
If Democracy lives, who dies?

To this task we dedicate our lives and our fortunes, everything that we are and everything we have.—T. W. Wilson.

Your Extra Acre.

What will your extra acre be? Corn, wheat or cotton, beans, peas or potatoes? Everybody is now agreed that it will be the farmer by his planting extra acres in food products who will make the war shorter than it would otherwise be. Therefore, his extra acres have a right to be called "Victory Acres".

You Know Him.

"A Shiftless cuss is Oswald Blue, And some day he will rue it; He knows the very thing to do, And then forgets to do it."

For instance, he owns no Thrift Stamps.

Cut Wood.

The Richmond County Fuel Committee strongly urges consumers to prepare to substitute wood for coal this winter. There will be a scarcity of coal and consequent inconveniences for those who depend entirely on coal for fuel. Those who lay in a supply of wood will be doing the wise and patriotic thing.

The Post-Dispatch will next issue publish the regulations regarding the retail distribution of coal for 1918, as effective April 1st. Watch for this.

Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Mecklenburg Presbytery is holding its semi-annual stated meeting in Monroe this week. Revs. Z. V. Robertson, W. R. Coppedge, R. L. Patrick and ruling elder Stephenson are in attendance.

This Presbytery embraces the counties of Mecklenburg, Union, Anson, Richmond, Montgomery and Stanly. It has on its roll 50 ministers and 85 churches, and a constituency of 12,000 communicant members.

Nitrate of Soda.

The amount of nitrate of soda subscribed by the farmers of Richmond county was 1025 tons. The county demonstrator last week received word from the authorities at Washington that 991 3-10 tons had been allotted to this county, which will be less than applied for. This will be distributed pro rata.

Of this 991 3-10 allotment, 116 6-10 tons have been received. This was for small grain. The government is expecting additional cargoes to arrive in May from which shipment will be made to the county.

William B. Streeter, who came to Greensboro many years ago and started the North Carolina Children's Home Society—a society that is doing a noble rescue work—died a few days ago in Pittsburg.

Bishop Randolph, of Virginia, died Saturday.

What Are You Doing To Help Win The War.

If you think you are saving all that you can and there's nothing else left for you to do to help your country win the war, you are advised to read the leaflet, "Help Win the War" that is now being sent out from State Headquarters for War Savings at Winston. It makes its message direct and personal and asks questions the answers of which you can't evade. For instance, it asks:

"Do you put out all unnecessary lights at home and thus save power?"

"Do you keep the temperature of your house down to 68 degrees which not only saves heat but improves health?"

"Do you save gasoline, rubber and skilled labor by cutting out all unnecessary use of motor cars? Gasoline is a most important factor in winning the war, so is rubber! and chauffeurs are needed on Government work."

"Are you cutting down on amusements? Recreation is necessary but not the amusements that cost so much money. So far as you can, get your amusements more out of doors and out of your brains and less out of your pocket book."

"Are you foregoing personal luxuries—things not essential to your health or efficiency or that of your friends?"

"Are you wearing out your old clothes and buying only that which is necessary and will wear well? By so doing you will save labor and material that should be used in winning the war."

"Are you avoiding unnecessary travel? The Government has already asked you to take no unnecessary trips on the railroad that they may be used for war service?"

"Do you produce anything? If not, sure you are consuming as little as possible and releasing others who can produce."

"Do you refrain from unnecessary repairs and improvements? Do only what is necessary to keep things from going to pieces. Don't worry about shabbiness in war times. Do you employ servants who might aid the Government in shipbuilding, transportation and farming?"

"Have you planted your War Garden or an extra acre to help win the war? Last year's gardens saved the food situation."

"Are you saving and investing your savings in Thrift and War Savings Stamps?"

"If you refuse to do any or all of these you put yourself in the same class with the healthy young man who refuses to serve."

War Savings Societies.

The following schools have reported to Supt. L. J. Bell the amounts of their War Savings Societies. Every school should send in reports, no matter how small, by Tuesday of each week so they can be published:

Ledbetters, 2 societies, 29 members.

Rockingham colored graded school, 4 societies, 75 members, value of stamps \$24.50.

McLeod school, 33 members, 10 honorary members, \$58.16.

Cameron \$14.90; Pankey \$126.50.

East Hamlet, colored, \$11.50.

Campbell school, \$9.75.

Harrington school, one society, 12 members, \$18.00.

Pee Dee, 121 members, \$435.00.

Rohanen, \$77.07.

Zion, 34 members, stamps \$23.31.

Ellerbe high school, 3 societies, stamps \$170.

Rockingham city schools

(white) \$3861.50.

Prospect, 17 members, \$6.75.

Cordova, 55 members, \$49.75.

Littles Mills, 22 members, \$68.15.

Osborne, \$212.00.

Norman, \$422.75.

Williams, \$68.00.

Hoffman, \$75.00.

Cognac, \$100.00.

Roberdel high school, \$193.34.

Crosland, \$12.64.

Covington, \$18.75.

Oakridge \$5.75—Exway \$7.00.

Baldwin \$110.00.

Malee, colored, \$4.00.

Mt. Airy, colored, \$2.75.

Miscellaneous, \$801.50.

Total reported to Mar. 6 \$3211.37

Total reported to Mar. 13 \$3963.00

Total reported to Mar. 20 \$4330.00

Total reported to Mar. 27 \$5302.81

Total reported to Apr. 4 \$6805.92

Total reported to Apr. 11 \$6988.32

Democratic State Convention

Fully 800 Democrats assembled in State Convention at Raleigh Wednesday. State Chairman Thomas D. Warren called the body to order, and the keynote address was delivered by Victor Bryant, of Durham. Unlike the Republican Convention of the day before that "named" the men for that party to endorse at the primary, the Democratic Convention said never a word about candidates but left entirely with the voters the naming of such.

A strong platform was adopted. The question of woman's suffrage came up, but the Convention did not include it in the platform.

The members of the State Executive Committee from this, the Seventh Congressional district, are: R. B. Redwine, Union; J. A. Leak, Anson; C. C. Shaw, Davidson; W. L. Parsons, Richmond; W. C. Hammer, Randolph.

With a platitude assuring the Republican party of Democratic confidence in Republican loyalty to the nation, the Democratic platform appealed to all of the citizenship of the State to subordinate all questions of internal policy about which the voters of the State disagree in so far as the public welfare may permit, to the greater and graver questions in our foreign relations.

The platform further reiterates the principles for which the Democratic party has stood, endorsed the record of the national administration; approved the nation's entry into the war; endorsed the conduct of the war; commended the course of President Woodrow Wilson; endorsed Governor Bickett's proposed constitutional amendment exempting from taxation notes and mortgages given in good faith for the purchase price of a home; renewed the party's pledge of support to the constitutional amendment for a six months' school term; and made a new pledge for the enactment of laws to secure to the school teachers of the State a just increase in salaries.

Group Commencement, Pee Dee.

The group commencement at Pee Dee was held Friday, April 5th. Mr. L. C. Brogden, of Raleigh, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, was present for the purpose of observation. A very pleasing feature of the program was the folk dances, songs and games given by the Pee Dee pupils. The children were in attractive costumes, sang well and danced well, and there was a patriotic turn to the program that is very timely. The prize winners were as follows:

1st grade reading—Jewell Kelly, Harrington.

2nd grade reading—Charlie Hart, Pee Dee.

1st grade writing—Thelma Horn, Pee Dee.

3rd grade writing—Charlie Hart, Pee Dee.

Primary addition—Clay Watson, Dockery.

Intermediate addition—Daniel Hasty, Rohanen.

Intermediate multiplication—Monnie Patterson, Pee Dee.

Best long division—Eva Gurley, Pee Dee.

Written Spelling—Effie Ingram, Dockery.

Primary declamation—Thelma Horn, Pee Dee.

Intermediate declamation—Sallie Kelly, Harrington.

Primary oral spelling—Fred Hooks, Dockery.

Intermediate oral spelling—Kate Seawell, Rohanen.

Best sewing—Fanny McQueen, Pee Dee.

Best exhibit—Pee Dee.

100 yard dash, boys—Jasper Hasty, Rohanen.

100 yard dash, girls—Pearlie Haywood, Harrington.

Sack Race—Daniel Hasty, Rohanen.

High jump—Curtis Reynolds, Pee Dee.

Broad jump—Leo Baldwin, Rohanen.

Pole vault—Ed McLean, Pee Dee.

L. J. BELL.

Mrs. W. A. Dunn, and little daughter, of Columbia, came Sunday to spend several days with Mrs. J. A. Dunn.

It pays to trade with R. L. McDonald.

Republican State Convention

The Republican State Convention was held at Greensboro Tuesday. The recommendations of the Convention to the primary were:

For the senate, John Motley Morehead, of Charlotte.

For chief justice of North Carolina, William P. Bynum, of Greensboro.

For associate justices, Judge H. R. Starbuck, of Winston-Salem, and H. F. Seawell, of Carthage.

For Corporation Commissioner J. J. Jenkins, of Siler City.

The Convention went on record as pledging unqualified loyalty and support to the Government in the prosecution of the war. The platform endorsed women's suffrage, demanded free school books, and demanded the repeal of the primary law.



She primps up for him as if he's a duke; but he's only a poor poet starving in a garret

Coldwyn Pictures present

The Quaint Star

MAE MARSH

in Oliver Morosco's Stage Success

THE CINDERELLA MAN

by Edward Childs Carpenter

AT THE STAR THEATRE

Friday, April 12th.

One day only. Matinee and night

Admission 15 and 25c.

Sale of Personal Property.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, N. C., in a proceeding therein entitled: "Mergenthaler Linotype Company vs William E. Dockery" the undersigned Fred W. Bynum, Commissioner, will, in front of the galvanized covered warehouse on the cotton yard of the Everett Hardware Company in Rockingham, N. C., on TUESDAY, the 30th day of April, 1918, at 12 o'clock M., offer for sale for cash one Model K-No 78 Mergenthaler Linotype Machine and all appurtenances thereunto belonging.

This the 8th day of April, 1918.
Fre' W. Bynum,
Commissioner.

A FINE RECORD

To Prospective Purchasers of Automobiles:

The total mileage of 32 Hudson Super-Sixes operating in and around Petersburg, Va., during 1917 was 126,211 miles. The total mechanical expense to the owners was \$7.81—approximately 24c per car.

Think what it means to an automobile owner to know that his car is independent of service and repairmen. He need not hesitate to start out on any trip if his car is a Hudson.

You know the number of men in this city that have gone into the service. Particularly has it taken the skilled mechanics—the best automobile men. Now more than ever, cars that will give service are needed.

Hudson records from Hudson owners show that the Super-Six is a car that can be depended upon. Be sure that the car you buy this year is a Hudson.

Yours very truly,
CONEY STEELE,
Dealer.

See "The House Of Hate" at the Star next Thursday.

SOME STRIKE IT RICH BUT A SURE WAY IS TO PUT A LITTLE IN THE BANK EVERY WEEK

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The Farmers' Bank
Capital Stock: \$15,000.
Surplus and Undivided Profits Earned: \$37,000.
4 per cent. interest, compounded quarterly.
(Total resources as reported to the Corporation Commission at close of business March 4th, 1918, were \$446,275.96.)